

To the Members of the California State Senate:

Ensuring that low-income seniors and persons with disabilities have access to services that help them remain safely at home has been a top priority for my Administration. To that end, my Administration secured an unprecedented waiver that provided California more \$1.7 billion in new federal funds to support the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, generating approximately \$100 million in local savings annually. Further, California's minimum wage increase, which I signed into law, will strengthen the IHSS program and lead to a raise for more than 10,000 IHSS providers. Using local funds, counties are already paying higher wages to IHSS providers. SB 1660 does little to impact compensation for IHSS providers, it merely requires the state to pay millions more for raises approved by the counties. I believe this policy is more appropriately addressed through the budget process.

For these reasons, I am returning Senate Bill 1660 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger